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THE OBSERVATOR.

A farther Charge of Popery upon the Rehearſer; *and his belying the Church of* England, *prov'd from her Articles and* Homilies. Lambard's Saxon *Laws vindicated. The* Rehearſal's *treaſonable Charge upon King* William *and Queen* Mary, *and her preſent Majeſty, that they join'd with the Devil and Pope to depoſe their Father. The Houſe of Commons, in* 1678. *impeach'd the Lord High Treaſurer, for endeavouring to introduce arbitrary Power; yet the* Rehearſer, *who writes for it, is not cenſur'd.*

From Wednesday, September 15. to Saturday, September 18. 1708.

Country-m. I Propheſy'd true of the *Rehearſal*, Maſter, that when he found himſelf preſs'd by Argument, he would fall to his old Method of Railing and Lying.

Obſ. You muſt allow the Man to act according to his Nature, *Roger*: We were never to expect any Thing elſe from him: But I deſpiſe his Malice, and pity his Ignorance and Folly. I expected to have encounter'd a Gentleman and Scholar, one who would have had ſome Regard to the Character of a Prieſt, which he extols ſo highly, and have ſcorn'd to act the Part of a Scoundrel; but I ſuppoſe he does ſo on purpoſe to divert me from the Subject. However, he ſhan't gain his End by it, for I am reſolv'd to beat him out of all his Intrenchments of Popery and Slavery; but whenever he retires to the Cittadel of *Billingsgate*, I ſhall leave him to the Correction of Porters and Oyſter-Wenches.

Country-m. He is ſenſible, Maſter, that you have diſcover'd his pernicious Deſign, to betray us to the Idolatry of *Rome*, and the Tyranny of *France*; and having chaſtis'd him ſo frequently for his Falſhood and Ignorance, he is out of all Temper, and would make up by ill Language, what he loſes by Argument.

Obſ. It had been more for the *Rehearſer*'s Credit, *Roger*, to have given me an Anſwer to the Charge of Popery upon him, and to that of miſrepreſenting our Conſtitution. I have already taken him to Task for his Propoſal of a Reconciliation with the Church of *Rome*, and for belying the Church of *England*, in aſſerting, that there's but one Difference at Bottom, betwixt her and the Church of *Rome*, viz. *Such an Exceſs of the Pope's Supremacy as is already thrown off by the Church of* France. Now, *Roger*, to prove the Falſhood of this Aſſertion, I appeal, 1. To the Articles of the Church of *England*; where every Reader of common Senſe, will perceive fundamental Differences betwixt her and the Church of *Rome*, *as to the Canonical Book, the Sufficiency of the Scriptures, Juſtification, good Works, Works of Supererogation, the Church, and Authority of it, General Councils, Purgatory, miniſtring in an unknown Tongue, the Number and Nature of the Sacraments, Communion in both Kinds, the Sacrifice of the Maſs, the Marriage of Prieſts, Traditions, the Power of the Civil Magiſtrate, and the Pope's Juriſdiction.* In the ſecond Place, I appeal to the *Homilies* of the Church, where ſhe bleſſes God, who gave King *Henry* the VIII. Light and Knowledge to put away all ſuperſtitious and phariſaical Sects; meaning the Orders of Fryars, Monks, and Nuns, invented by Anti-Chriſt; and aſſerts, that the Pope is rather to be call'd Anti-Chriſt, than St. *Peter*'s Succeſſor, and (which is directly againſt the *Rehearſer*'s Scheme of Reconciliation, by limiting the Pope's Supremacy, as much as the Church of *France* has done) ſhe calls the Pope *a bold Uſurper, for claiming but the Title of the firſt Biſhop of* Chriſtendom. She is alſo ſo far from owning the Church of *Rome*, that 'She denies the 'Pope, and thoſe who adhere to him, to be the 'true Church of Chriſt, becauſe he has apoſtatiz'd 'from the Divine Laws, and ſet up his own Con'ſtitutions in their Place: And in her *Homilies* againſt Idolatry, ſhe plainly charges the Worſhip of the Church of *Rome* to be idolatrous.

Country-m. Bleſs me, Maſter! what Credit can be given to ſuch a Man, who has the Impudence to aſſert in Print, that there's but one Difference at Bottom, betwixt our Church and the Church of *Rome*, when 'tis ſo plain from our Articles and *Homilies*, that there are ſo many fundamental Differences betwixt them? Certainly one who thus belies our Church, whom he pretends to be his Mother, can never be ſuppos'd to make any Conſcience of belying every Body elſe.

Obſ. I leave it to all true Church of *England*-men, *Roger*, to determine by what Name any Man deſerves to be call'd, who has taken Orders, ſworn Canonical Obedience, and given his Aſſent and Conſent to the Doctrine, Diſcipline, and Worſhip of the Church, and yet dare advance ſuch manifeſt Untruths, and plead for a Reconciliation with *Rome*, or to own the Pope's Supremacy in any Senſe; or what we ought to think of any Man, who acts ſuch a Part, that has had a Benefice or Dignity in the Church of *Ireland*, or has ſworn to her Articles, in which ſhe expreſsly declares of the Biſhop of *Rome*, 'That his Works 'and Doctrines do plainly diſcover him to be the 'Man of Sin foretold in the Holy Scriptures, 'whom the Lord ſhall conſume with the Spirit of 'his Mouth, and aboliſh with the Brightneſs of 'his Coming.

Country-m. I don't know what ſome of our High-flyers would call him, Maſter; but we plain Country-men would call a Spade a Spade; and inſtead of reckoning ſuch a one a Champion of the Church, would brand him as a Traitor to her.

Obſ. Enough at this Time for his Popery, *Roger*; let's now have a Bout with him for his Slavery, and particularly for what he has ſaid of *Lambard*'s *Saxon* Laws. He charges me, in his of the 11th of *September*, with leaving out material Words; and particularly that Part of the Law in the Duty of the King, that he ſhould take off and deſtroy ill Men from the Church; which is a direct Falſhood; for I mention the cutting off of ill Men, both from the Kingdom and Church, tho' I am not for ſaving the *Rehearſer*'s Church, by ſinking the State. Then for my tranſlating that Sentence of *Lambard*, *Nec Nomen Regis in eo conſtabit ſed Nomen Regis perdit*; *The Name of a King he ſhall not have or retain, but loſes*, I appeal to thoſe who underſtand both Languages, whether that be not better than the *Rehearſal*'s Tranſlation, *he deſerves not the Name of a King, or it does not appear in him*; for 'tis evident to every School-boy, that *conſtabit* being in the future Tenſe, has a greater Emphaſis than the *Rehearſer* allows it; and if he will tranſlate it *appear*, it muſt be tranſlated, *the Name of a King ſhall not appear in him, but he loſes it*; ſo that the *Rehearſer* loſes his Point, even by his own Tranſlation.

Country-m.

Country-m. But what do you ſay, Maſter, to his Aſſertion, that thoſe Laws are neither the Laws of the Confeſſor, or of the Conqueror, but Commentaries, or common Places upon our ancient Laws, compil'd by one who had no great Skill in *Saxon*, or the elder Cuſtoms of his Country?

Obſ. The very Title of thoſe Laws in the Book, demonſtrates the contrary, *Roger*; which is, *Leges boni Regis Edwardi quas Gulielmus Baſtardus poſtea Confirmavit*; *i. e.* the Laws of good King *Edward*, which *William* the Baſtard afterwards confirm'd: And to ſay, that our *Saxon* Anceſtors, who exhibited the Copies of thoſe Laws to *William* (falſly call'd) the Conqueror, by the Oaths of twelve Men choſen out of each County of *England*, did not underſtand their own Laws or Language, is ſo abſurd, that every Man of common Senſe muſt laugh at it. I have alſo prov'd their being authentick, by the Teſtimony of Dr. *Brady*, and Sir *William Dugdale*, two of the *Rehearſer*'s own Party; and to put it out of all Doubt, it will appear to any Man, who compares them, that our *Magna Charta* is founded upon them. For his alledging, that they are only Commentaries, or common Places upon our ancient Laws, it betrays his Ignorance, or ſomewhat that's worſe; for tho' there be ſome Commentaries mix'd with them, they are in a diſtinct Character; but this, *That the King, if he do ſo and ſo, ſhall not retain the Name*, is in the Text, as will appear to any Man who looks upon the Book; nay, even the Commentaries, which are very ancient, do plainly prove the Opinion of the Commentators, to be againſt the *Rehearſal*; and by what I have already quoted from *Bracton*, the *Miror*, and our *Hiſtories*, it appears to a Demonſtration, that our Parliaments had a coercive Power over Tyrants; and that the contrary was never ſo much as call'd in Queſtion in thoſe Days. For what he alledges from Dr. *Hicks*, tho' I reſpect that Gentleman for his Learning and Skill in our Antiquities, by which he has oblig'd his Country; yet, without Diminution to his Honour, thoſe Laws having been inſiſted upon by *Selden*, *Lambard*, Sir *Roger Twiſden*, and others of as great Judgment and Learning in thoſe Matters, his Cenſure upon them muſt go for little, eſpecially ſince he is too much a Party to be a Judge, and that thoſe Laws have been compar'd with the Red Book, ſtill in the *Exchequer*, where no Body can ſuppoſe our Kings would keep a Counterfeit; which limits their own Power, among the Archieves of the Nation.

Country-m. Some People are angry, Maſter, that you inſiſt ſo much upon the *Rehearſer*; they ſay, he is a trifling obſtinate Man, who deſerves no Anſwer; and that they had rather have ſomething jocoſe and merry.

Obſ. Thoſe Men had beſt read Drolls and Farces, *Roger*. I prefer Uſefulneſs to Mirth; for ſince that Author attacks our Religion and Liberties, her Majeſty's Title, and the Proteſtant Succeſſion, in ſuch an audacious Manner, by Miſrepreſentations, and falſe Reaſoning, and boaſted, that he had put every one to Silence upon the Subject; and fully confuted Col. *Sidney*, Mr. *Lock*, and others of the chief Advocates of our Liberty; I apprehended it would be acceptable to all honeſt *Britains*, to chaſtiſe the *Rehearſer* for his Vanity and Inſolence, and to furniſh thoſe, who are not able to provide themſelves with Antidotes, againſt his Poyſon.

Country-m. 'Tis impoſſible to pleaſe every Body, Maſter. I think it ſhould be very acceptable Service to all thoſe who love the Government; for his Poyſon grows more rank and keen every Day.

Obſ. That's very plain, *Roger*; for in his Paper of the 4th, parag. 6, 7. he ſpits his Venom on the Aſhes of the late King *William* and Queen *Mary*, of glorious Memory, and on the Face of her preſent Majeſty, and all thoſe who concurr'd in the late Revolution; where he impudently aſſerts, that *they join'd with innocent Popes* (which is a Bog Witticiſm for *Innocent* XI. who was an Enemy to the *French* Tyrant) *to depoſe their Father, to which the Saints were conſenting and abetting; and that they will join with the Pope or the Devil to depoſe their Kings*; ſo that he aſſigns her Majeſty very good Company.

Country-m. That's a full Anſwer to the Gentlemen who ſent to you, Maſter, to know what the *Rehearſer* meant by thoſe Expreſſions; and I muſt needs ſay, (be angry at it who will) that if ſuch traiterous Inſolence paſs unpuniſh'd, there are ſome who eat her Majeſty's Bread, that don't deſerve it.

Obſ. I can't tell how ſuch Neglects happen, *Roger*; but I remember, that on *Dec.* 21. 1678. the Houſe of Commons, in their ſecond Article of Impeachment againſt the then Lord High Treaſurer of *England*, ſaid, '*That he had traiterouſly endeavour'd to ſubvert the ancient and well-eſtabliſh'd Form of Government; and inſtead thereof, to introduce an arbitrary and tyrannical Way of Government.*' I don't mention this to reflect upon that Great Man, who did ſince appear in Arms againſt the late King *James*, in Company of the Devil and Pope, as the *Rehearſer* words it; but only to expreſs my Wonder, that when Men of the higheſt Poſts in the Kingdom, who were ſuppos'd to act what they did by order of their Prince, ſhould be ſo treated, that a malicious Scribler, who is a known Enemy to her Majeſty's Title, ſhould be ſuffer'd to run down the Power of Parliaments, to write in Defence of arbitrary Power, and to throw Dirt in her Majeſty's Face, for concurring in the happy Revolution, againſt her miſled Father, out of a true Senſe of the ſuperior Obligation ſhe lay under to God and her Country, and to prevent thoſe Meaſures which Papiſts, and ſuch counterfeit Proteſtants as the *Rehearſer*, had put the late King *James* upon, in order to ſubvert our Religion and Liberty.

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